

GREAT LADIES OF LONG AGO WERE GAMBLERS

Mary Queen, of Scots, Would Wager Her Personal Attire.—Bridge the Popular Game of To-day.

The card season is over, and as my lady fine sits and counts her pleasures and pains, her losses and gains, she feels no remorse, not a pang of conscience, not a regret of a game, unless it be on the venture she lost, since "Luck and Chance happeneth to all men."

A century or so ago, says the St. Louis Post Dispatch, there were hundreds of great ladies in England who made of their drawing rooms regular gambling dens, and in these drawing rooms of the world of fashion ladies in the most exalted social positions lost or won, as the case might be, tens of thousands of pounds in a single night's play. The royal princesses did not hesitate to play for the highest stakes and a faro bank was a part of the paraphernalia of dame fashion.

While the American women of to-day have more leisure than the women of more primitive times and conditions in this country and, therefore, turn more frequently for entertainment to games and cards, they do not indulge their love of cards to the same extent as did the sex in England in days when Lord Kenyon threatened that women convicted of gambling "should certainly exhibit themselves in the pillory though they should be first ladies in the land." However, American women are fond of cards and, deplore it if you will, many of them play for money to an enormous extent.

Fashion varies as to the game in vogue. The once popular progressive euchre has been abolished and in its place we find the more technical game of bridge. Euchre is not an all-absorbing game. Memory and luck are the vital elements, and a vein of sociability may run on unrestrained which may be considered its chief merit. But with bridge it is different.

Cards are supposed to be very similar to chess. They are of Indian origin, and are sometimes called chess on paper. Chess represents an army, and this army is represented in sculpture, while cards stand for the same in painting. Playing cards were known to the Arabians and Saracens from the beginning of the 12th century. They were carried into Europe from India and China.

The queen in the card game does not hold the exalted position that she stands for in chess, where she is a general. It would seem that the game of chess might find popularity in the ranks of the suffragists, and that the card game would be abolished, since the queen of cards is necessarily meekly subordinate to her sovereign lord and master.

Queen Elizabeth was fond of cards, but inclined to be peevish and lose her temper in the game. Mary, Queen of Scots, carried her infatuation to the extent of wagering her personal attire on the game. She would play continuously from Saturday to Monday and sacrifice her wardrobe, if necessary, to do so. Queen Anne of Austria had persistent ill luck, we are told, but she played like a queen, without passion or greed. Anne Boleyn was an inveterate gambler, as were all the wives of Henry VIII, with one exception. Catherine of Aragon did not gamble. She had no love for the card table. Nell Gwyn lost 400 guineas one night to the niece of the notorious gambler, Mazarin, who afterwards died insolvent, having lost at cards an enormous fortune left to her by her cardinal uncle.

Oliver Goldsmith relates a story of a woman who insisted on playing a game of cribbage with the minister who had come to soothe her dying hours. The clergyman lost every penny he had with him and he was just dealing the cards for another game, her spiritual adviser's stake being her own funeral expenses when she died, leaving the game unwon.

At the French court the card rooms from the time of Charles VI to that of Louis XVI, were luxuriously furnished. The counters used were of mother of pearl or some other valuable substance. The cards were embroidered with silver on white satin, and some were the work of the most famous miniature painters.

A story is told of the famous Dowager electress of Saxony, who was very fond of the card table, and who was not above taking advantage of her position when opportunity offered. One evening she "committed some irregularity" (as cheating is termed when done by a person of high rank.) Suspicions of her honesty were excited by her play. A courtier who noticed this said: "Pardon, madam, my suspicions could not fall on you. Sovereigns cheat only for crowns."

The descendants of Lady Catherine

Alexander, daughter of Major Gen. Lord Sterling and wife of Col. William Duer, tell the following anecdote: "The dame was fond of whist and it is probable that cards were not as common nor as cheap as they are now, so women carried their own packs with them to card parties. One morning while attending services at St. Paul's church, New York, her ladyship pulled her handkerchief out of her capacious pocket, and with it drew out a pack of cards, which, to the amusement of the congregation and her own consternation, scattered about the pew."

Hindu's Case Perplexing.

Chicago, July 27.—What disposition to make of Mohammed Husain, the Hindu who "shot up" a crowd down-town on Tuesday and wounded eight persons, is puzzling the authorities. He cannot be deported because he has been in the United States three years or more.

Five years ago he attended the University of Arkansas, taking a course in civil engineering and later went to Columbus, Ohio, to join the university there. He stayed in Columbus for six months and then made his home in Pittsburg.

The police authorities will notify Husain's father, who is postmaster and a British judge in Jallander City, Punjab, India, of the attempted crime of his son, and with their notification will couple a request that he be returned to India. Husain believed himself persecuted by the white race.

Not Candidate for Senate.

J. E. Swearingen, the State superintendent of education, said last week that he would under no circumstances be a candidate for the United States senate.

In discussing the situation he said that Senator Tillman would not retire at the end of his present term, but would seek reelection. He hoped that Senator Tillman would not have any opposition, that he would "die in harness." Mr. Swearingen is a nephew of Senator Tillman.

The question of the candidacy of Mr. Swearingen for the United States senate was brought up as the result of an interview published in a Washington paper, quoting R. M. McCown, the secretary of State of South Carolina, as favoring Mr. Swearingen for the senate.

Mr. McCown upon his return from Washington said that he had not proposed Mr. Swearingen for the senate to succeed Senator Tillman, but had in a conversation with several at a Washington hotel spoke very highly of Mr. Swearingen as a man and as the head of the educational system of the State.

Several days ago the name of Mr. Swearingen was proposed for governor. Mr. Swearingen said that he would rather be the State superintendent of education than the governor of South Carolina. He is of the opinion that there is much to be done within the next few years in the development of the educational system of the State.

Negro Was Lynched.

Cheraw, July 26.—The little village of Mount Crogan, near here, is still excited over the attempt at a brutal crime made Monday at noon, and while specific information is hard to obtain there now remains no doubt but that the unknown negro from North Carolina has met his death at the hands of a mob.

The young lady was attacked in an orchard near her house just outside of the village and in her struggle with the negro almost every thread of her clothing was torn away. Fortunately her uncle was at the house, and hearing her cries went to her rescue. At his approach the negro ran, and then began an exciting man hunt, which extended from noon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

About 300 or 400 formed the posse, with Sheriff D. P. Douglas, of Chesterfield county, in charge of one section.

All afternoon they trailed the negro, the bloodhounds keeping close on his track. At times the mob was only 20 minutes behind him. Finally, about 5 o'clock, near White Store, N. C., not far from Wadesboro, the negro was surrounded in a swamp. One posse under Sheriff Douglas took the left side of the swamp and the others completed the cordon of death drawn around the brute. Suddenly the posse in command of Sheriff Douglas heard the other side fire a number of shots and the chase suddenly ceased.

Sheriff Douglas is on his farm near Chesterfield and could not be reached to-day. However, he has abandoned the search.

SMITH AND BLEASE.

Georgia Governor Will Not Honor Requisition for Felder.

Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—Governor Smith stated emphatically yesterday that he had no intention whatever of honoring any requisition of Governor Cole L. Blease, South Carolina, for Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta.

"The attorney general of South Carolina told me that he would not pros any indictment returned against Mr. Felder," said Governor Smith.

This dissipates any speculation regarding the attempts of Governor Blease to get Mr. Felder into South Carolina. Some had advanced the theory that the Georgia executive might honor the requisition turned down by Governor Brown, especially if Mr. Felder should be indicted. But Governor Smith makes it clear that he will not consider any requisition.

As a matter of fact, Governor Smith and Governor Blease have already clashed on the matter of requisitions. Governor Smith made requisition of Governor Blease for a party wanted here. The South Carolina executive did not even extend the courtesy of a reply.

Yesterday Governor Smith received application for requisition from Governor Blease. Governor Smith directed Secretary Hitch to write Governor Blease for information regarding his intention as to the Georgia requisition.

The Atlanta Constitution of to-day contained the following:

"Judged from his actions regarding requisitions, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,' is not numbered among the mottoes of Governor Cole Blease, South Carolina."

"On July 8 Governor Smith made requisition upon Governor Blease for Charles Dunn, wanted in Richmond county for robbery. Up to the present Governor Blease has not seen fit to notify Governor Smith what action, if any, he has taken in regard to it."

"However, the South Carolina governor has shown no hesitancy in issuing requisitions upon the governor of Georgia. Governor Smith has just honored his requisition for W. J. Phillips, wanted in South Carolina for forgery."

"In notifying Governor Blease of his action on the requisition Governor Smith courteously intimated to Governor Blease that any information concerning his action on the Georgia requisition would be deeply appreciated."

"Some time ago Governor Blease issued a requisition for Attorney Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta, and it was declined by Governor Brown."

"It has been reported that he would make the same requisition upon Governor Smith. It is stated that should he make such a requisition Governor Smith would not honor it."

Foils Negro Robbers.

Cheraw, July 25.—There was a bold attempt at highway robbery here last night in the heart of the city. C. J. Dwyer, who represents the Chas. F. Garrigues company of New York city, was coming to Cheraw last night over the Bennettsville & Cheraw road, which connects at Kollock, just across the Big Pee Dee river, with No. 43 on the Seaboard, going south. When Mr. Dwyer learned at Kollock that he would have to wait over two hours for the Seaboard train he decided to walk the railroad bridge over the river at this point. Mr. Dwyer had crossed this bridge and was on Front street when two negroes attacked him and commanded him to give up his money and suit case. This Mr. Dwyer was not disposed to do without a struggle and he soon had his knife flashing before the eyes of the astonished highwaymen. This unexpected action of Mr. Dwyer ended the fight, for the two negroes immediately ran away. One of them was caught later by Mr. Pegues, one of the local officers, and the other negro is expected to be in the toils of the law soon.

BOY ALMOST DROWNED.

Heroic Act of Dr. Davis, a Cripple, Saves Drowning Lad at Dillon.

Dillon, July 27.—While bathing in Little Pee-Dee river yesterday the 12-year-old son of Mr. Nachman, of Lake City, narrowly escaped drowning. The little fellow went down in twelve feet of water and it was with difficulty that he was saved. Dr. J. C. Davis, manager of the Dillon Insurance Agency, was standing on the river bank when he was attracted by the boy's cries for help. Dr. Davis, although a cripple, having lost a leg through an accident several years ago, is a very fine swimmer and he plunged into the river and brought young Nachman to the shore. The boy had swallowed a great deal of water and it was with difficulty that he was revived. In view of Dr. Davis's physical infirmities his act of heroism has been warmly applauded. Young Nachman has entirely recovered from the shock.

EIGHT KILLED, SIXTY HURT.

Many More May Die from Wreck in Hamlet Yards.

Charlotte, N. C., July 27.—Eight are dead, 60 seriously injured and 28 painfully injured as the result of a head-on collision between a colored excursion train, bound from Durham to Charlotte, and a freight train, on the Hamlet yards this morning. Four members of the train crew are also suffering from injuries. The injured were brought to Charlotte on a special train.

The dead, all of Durham, are: Edna Hall, Edith Hall, Lisbon Hall, Rosa Perry, Dora Day, Sis Webb, Samuel Miller and John Cameron.

Of the 60 seriously hurt, a score or more may die. Four white trainmen were badly hurt. Engineer Ben Konoch, who was running the locomotive of the excursion, was badly hurt; Engineer A. Taylor, of the freight, was injured internally and badly hurt; Conductor W. H. Bowen, of the excursion, was internally injured, and Albert Gary, fireman of the freight, was badly bruised and cut.

The cause of the wreck is unknown. The engines telescoped and six of the 11 coaches of the excursion train crumpled like paper. Fifty of the injured were brought to Charlotte to-night on a special train and placed in hospitals, while thirty odd, who were considered too critically hurt to be moved, are being cared for at Hamlet.

Just five years ago this month, within one mile of the scene of to-day's wreck, a similar wreck occurred, in which 29 met death.

Married to Satisfy Neighbors.

Cincinnati, July 26.—The dissolving of "a marriage of convenience" here to-day that was performed in Jersey City a year ago brought out the story of a peculiar phase of woman's vanity.

Dolores Cameron Owens was the applicant. She says she married Malcolm W. Owens to satisfy the neighbors at home. She went to New York a year ago, intending to marry Dr. Clinton, a surgeon in the navy. There was a hitch—and no wedding. The young woman and her mother were mortified by this turn of affairs, and Owens, whom they had just met, suggested that the girl marry him.

"We thought the neighbors at home would be satisfied if Dolores returned home a bride, and would not ask any questions, but that didn't satisfy them," the mother testified. The annulment was granted.

Families Engage in Fight.

Florence, July 25.—A few days ago two families living in the county about 15 miles from the city, the Coxes, a mulatto family, and the Hatchells, whites, neighbors, got into a row over some cows of Eli Hatchell's, against which the Coxes had complaint. The row led to a general exchange of shots in which several participants were wounded, at least three of the Coxes and Eli Hatchell and his son, Herbert. Both parties telephoned the sheriff to come down and protect them, but the sheriff assumed that if both wanted protection there was hardly any chance of a renewal of hostilities right away, and he waited for the inevitable warrants. They were issued next day by the Coxes for the Hatchells and the Hatchells for the Coxes. Both parties were in court this morning to answer to the charges of assault and battery of high and aggravated nature, and both were bound over to the sessions court.

The Coxes have had several difficulties recently, and they resent being classed with negroes, and the white people resent their position on the race question.

May Mean Extension.

Aiken, July 27.—The most voluminous mortgage ever recorded in Aiken county was received by Clerk of Court John W. Dubar yesterday, given by the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric corporation to the Central Trust company of New York. The amount of the mortgage is \$7,500,000, and it is understood that the greater part of the sum is to be used for improvement and extensions of the line.

The mortgage is printed in book form and is 126 legal size pages. It will require the constant services of one man for ten days to put the paper on the record book, and it will require almost an entire mortgage book to hold this one paper.

While not authoritatively stated, it is generally understood that old bonds and indebtedness will be redeemed with a portion of this sum, and that the remainder will be used in improving the roadbed of the Aiken & Augusta suburban line and the Augusta city lines. It is also the prevalent belief that the Columbia extension will now be built.

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